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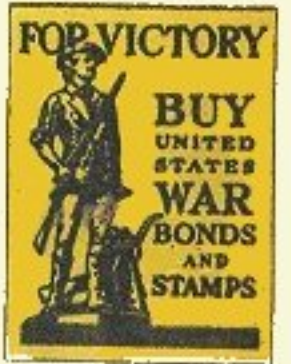
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# The GREAT DEFENDER



A SIMPLE SODA JERKER + A SUPER VITAMIN CAPSULE = ??  
 YOU'RE RIGHT! THE GREAT DEFENDER!!! WATCH  
 STORMY FOSTER IN ANOTHER BREATH TAKING ADVENTURE  
 AS HE AIDS THE DEFENDERS OF DEMOCRACY.....

VAUGHN'S CUT RATE

CRASH!

WHAT WAS THAT?

GS SODAS CANDY

CIGAR

CIGARETS

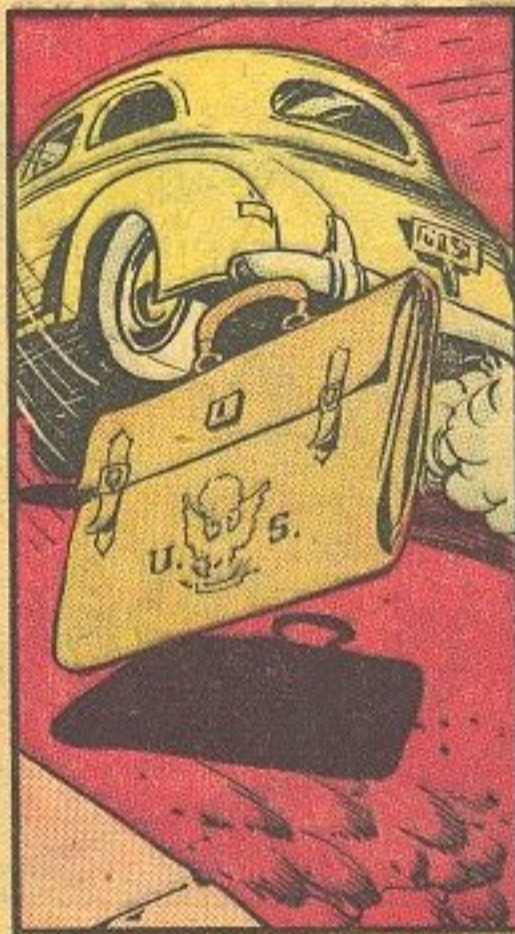
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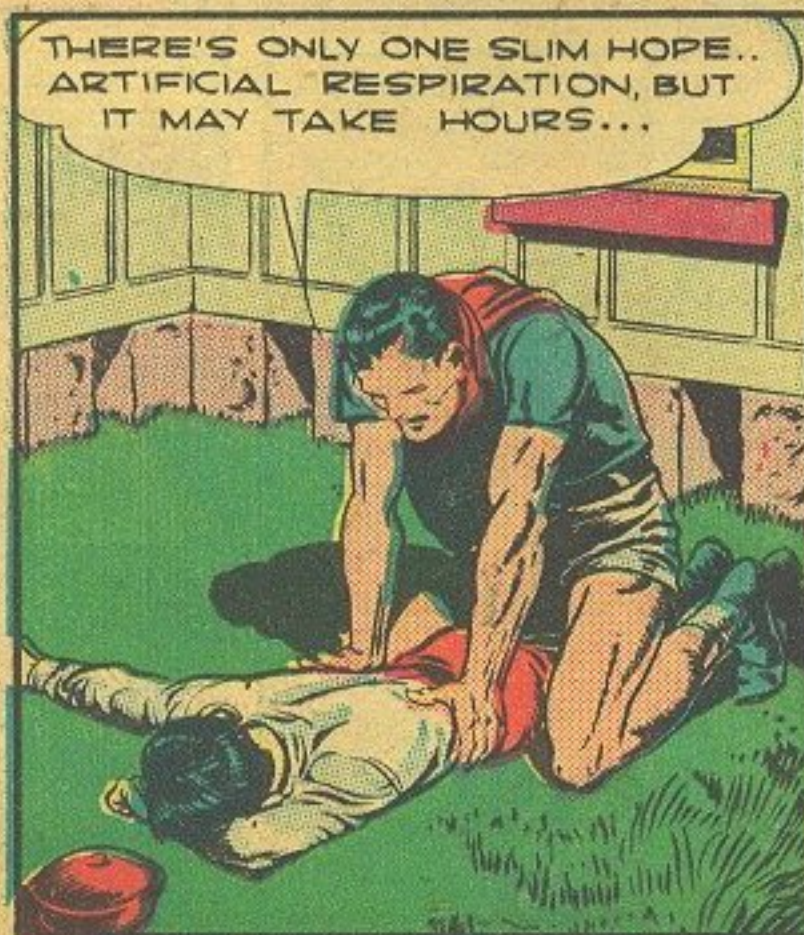
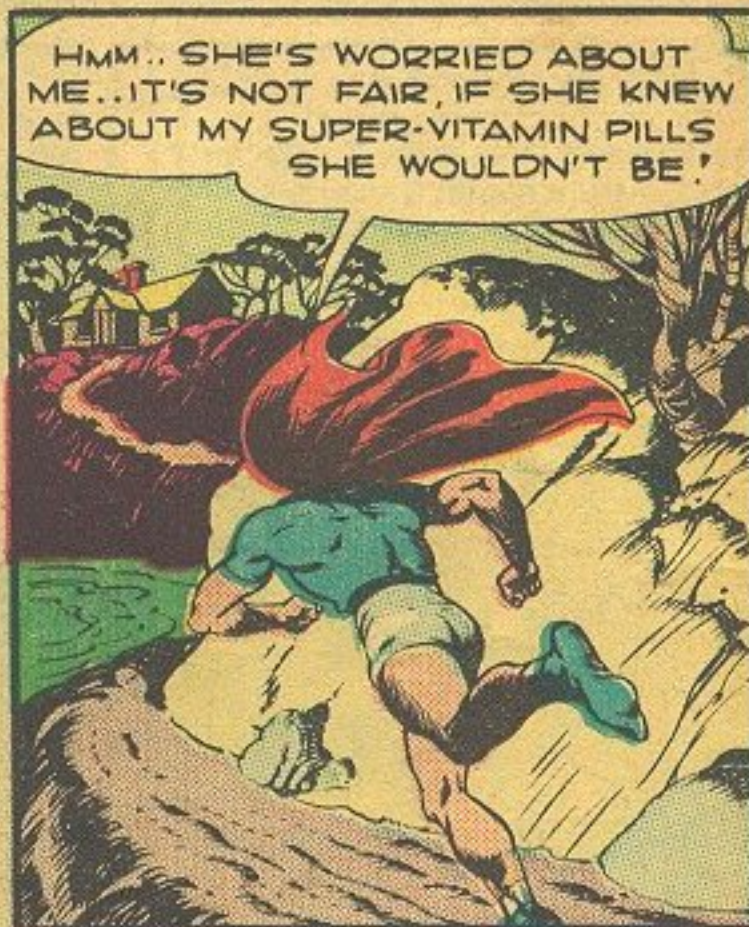








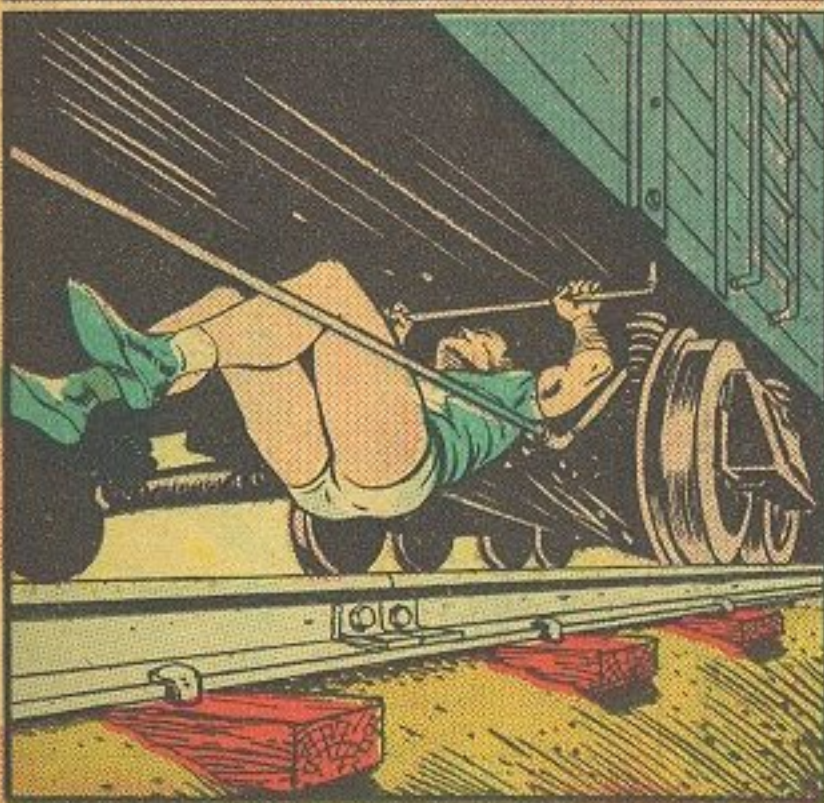




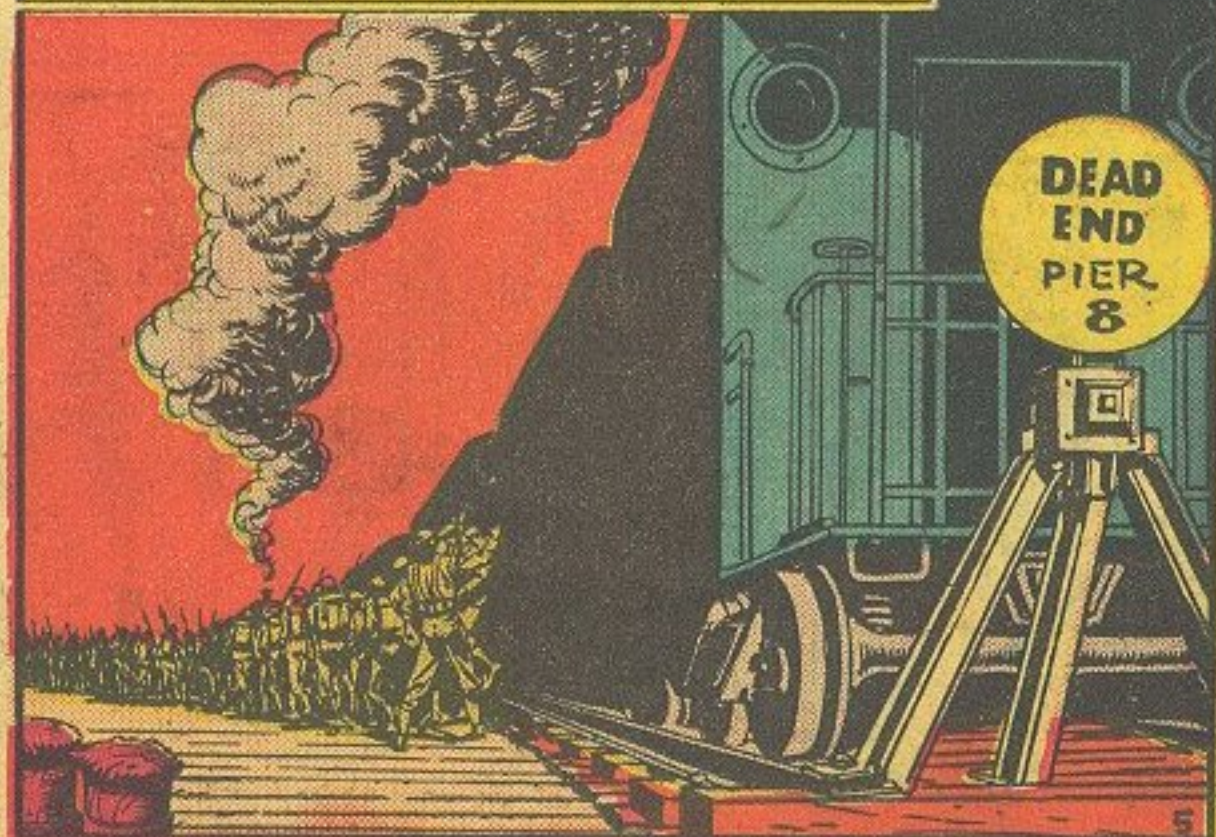




AS THE TRAIN THUNDERS OVER HIM,  
STORMY SEIZES THE UNDER  
CARRIAGE AND RIDES ALONG...



AT THE PIERS THE TROOPS BEGIN TO EMBARK  
WITH SWIFT EFFICIENCY....





THE GREAT DEFENDER'S QUICK EYES ARE FIRST TO SEE..

FLAMES! LICKING UP THE PIER POSTS!



DIVING DOWN, THE DEFENDER, WITH A SAVAGE THRUST, DIS-ENGAGES THE BURNING JOIST, OR TIMBER, AND IT SINKS HISsing INTO THE WATER...

THIS WHOLE STRUCTURE HAS BEEN OIL TREATED.. IT WOULD GO UP LIKE PUNK..



THEY MUST HAVE JUST SET THE FLAMES ..THERE'S A BOAT..



IF THEY HAUL ME ABOARD, THEY'RE NOT GUILTY..



BUT IF THEY DON'T..

HEY!

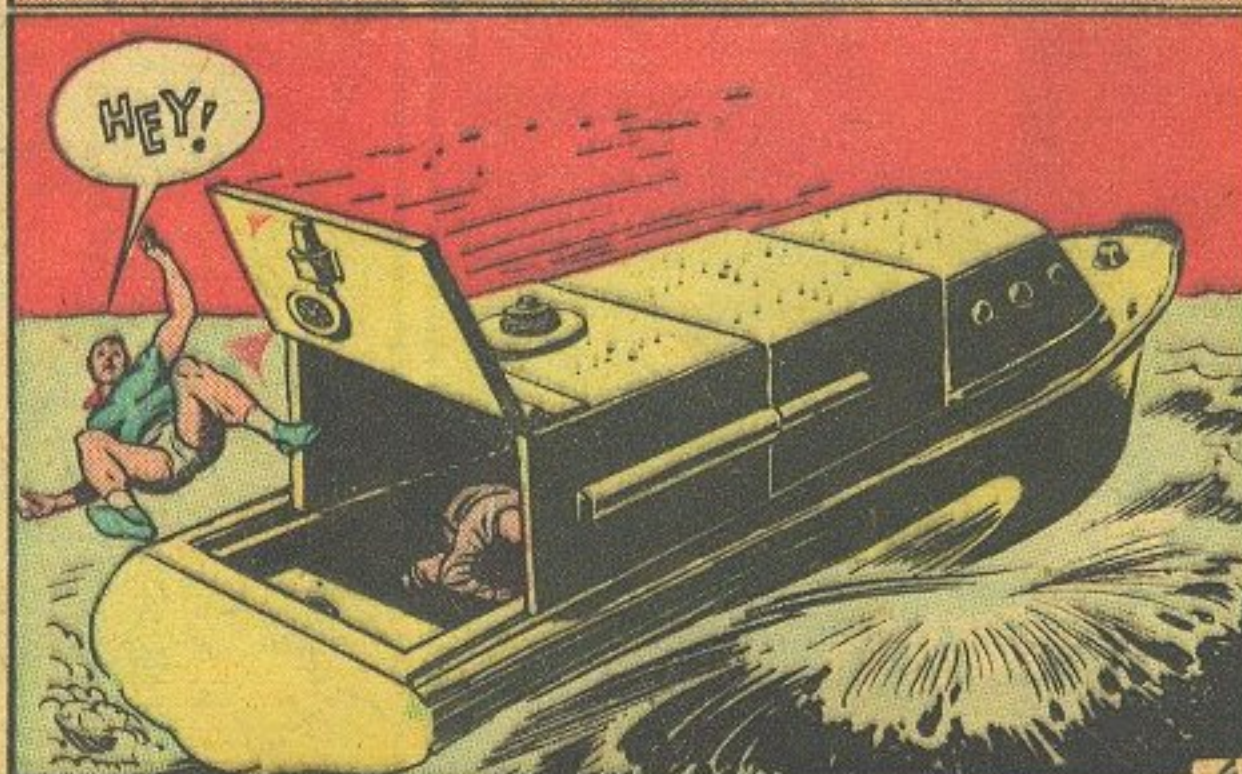


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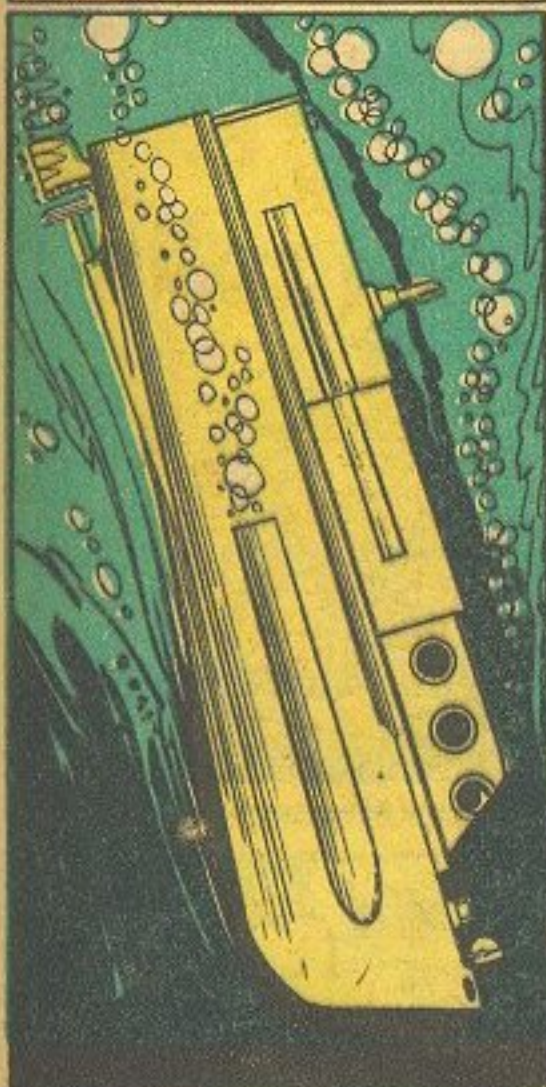
SUDDENLY THE MEN DUCK AND A STEEL TELESCOPE HATCH THRUSTS BACK FROM THE FORWARD CABIN COVERING THE AFTER DECK..

HEY!





TRANSFORMED TO A  
SMALL SUBMARINE,  
THE LAUNCH DIVES..



THEY DON'T KNOW  
MY LUNGS ARE  
SUPER-VITA-  
MINED..

WE BEEN DOWN  
15 MINUTES, IT'S  
SAFE TO COME  
UP NOW..



HEY, FELLAS..  
YOU FORGOT ABOUT  
ME..

HOW DID  
HE..??

HEY!

WHAT..  
OUCH!!!



THE CRAFT EMERGES  
BENEATH A DOCK..



THERE GO THE  
TRANSPORTS  
SAFELY OUT TO  
HARBOR..

SUDDENLY A  
DOCK GUARD  
ROARS..

HERE NOW..  
PHAT'S GOIN'  
ON DOWN  
THERE..

TOSS A NET  
DOWN, BUD..  
I CAUGHT  
SOME FISH I'D  
LIKE TO  
SERVE TO THE  
F.B.I.









THE GREAT DEFENDER SENDS  
THE WHIRLING MISSIVE INTO  
THE RIVER BED..



SOMETHING'S  
WRONG..



THAT'S  
RIGHT!



THE CONDUIT ECHOES WITH MEN'S  
CURSES AND CRIES...



THERE ARE SO  
MANY RATS  
IN OUR SEWER  
SYSTEM THESE  
DAYS...

BACK AT THE DOCK..



HERE'S SOME  
RODENTS TO ADD  
TO THE FISH

GEE THANKS..  
CAN I COLLECT  
THE WHOLE  
REWARD??

SURE!!

KEEP  
OUT

NEXT DAY

HOW'S THE  
HERO, AH  
CHOO??

STORMY!!  
ARE YOU  
ALL RIGHT?



I WAS SO  
WORRIED..  
WERE YOU  
AT THE  
DOCKS?

WHY I THOUGHT  
YOU WOULDN'T  
EVEN REMEMBER  
ME AFTER  
SEEING THE  
DEFENDER..



OH HIM? HE'S JUST AN  
OVERGROWN STRONG BOY..  
HE DIDN'T RISK ANYTHING..  
BUT YOU.. YOU MIGHT HAVE  
BEEN KILLED!!

HUH?

OH, WOMEN!!





# Betty BATES

ATTORNEY by Stanley Charlott  
AT  
LAW



WEAVING A SINISTER PLOT  
TO UNDERMINE AMERICA,  
OUR ENEMIES FAIL TO  
RECKON WITH  
*Betty Bates*  
WHO SPIKES THE FOUL  
DESIGNS OF THE  
TREACHEROUS  
FIFTH COLUMN.

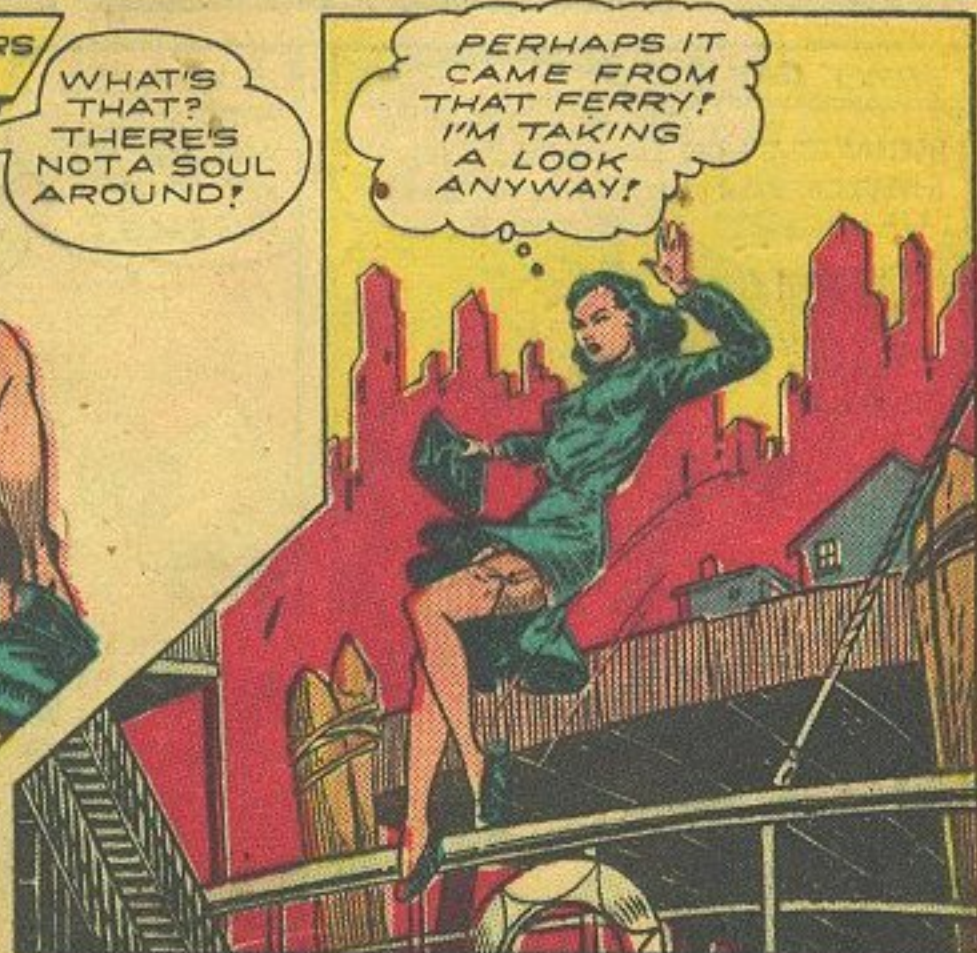
BETTY IDLY WATCHES THE  
TUGS GO BY ON THE  
EAST RIVER...

MM.. I'LL BET  
THAT LITTLE  
FERRY TIED  
UP THERE  
HASN'T  
MOVED IN  
YEARS!

SUDDENLY, SHE HEARS  
A MUFFLED VOICE.

WHAT'S  
THAT?  
THERE'S  
NOT A SOUL  
AROUND!

PERHAPS IT  
CAME FROM  
THAT FERRY!  
I'M TAKING  
A LOOK  
ANYWAY!







WHY, THERE'S A MAN DOWN THERE!



THANK GOODNESS! SOMEBODY HAS COME!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

WHAT HAPPENED?

**HURRY!** THE PETERSON ELECTRIC PLANT IS IN DANGER.. THERE'S A PLOT TO CUT OFF THE POWER SUPPLY!



NAZIS ARE BEHIND IT! AFTER THE PLANT IS BLOWN UP, THEIR SUBS ARE SUPPOSED TO SNEAK UP THE RIVER AND BOMB THE PLANT!

GOOD HEAVENS!! ARE YOU SURE?



THIS IS **URGENT!** I MUST SPEAK TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE PLANT!

JUST A MINUTE, MISS!



I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE MY EARS, MISS BATES! THE MAN YOU DESCRIBE SOUNDS LIKE MARK! HE'S MY FOREMAN.. I'D BETTER FIND HIM!

I HELPED HIM OUT OF THE FERRY AND HE SAID HE WAS GOING HOME!

I HOPE HE'S WRONG.. BUT I CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!

WAIT! I'LL GO WITH YOU!



I'VE GOT TO TALK TO HIM AND GET MORE INFORMATION.. I'M GOING TO HIS HOUSE!

















I MUST... GET.. THIS DOOR... OPEN! I MUST..

HURRY!

A LAST DESPERATE PUSH, AND THE DOOR FINALLY GIVES.

THANK HEAVENS. NOW TO SWIM TO SHORE!

THAT WAS CLOSE, MISS BATES..(PUFF PUFF!) QUICK..TO THE FACTORY!

THERE THEY ARE.. IN THAT CAR!

HOW DID THEY GET PAST THE GUARD AT THE GATE?

LOOK! DER AMERICAN MAN UND GIRL! SHOOT DEM!

WHAT TH?? MY NEW PAYMASTER IS IN THAT CAR! DOWN!

ACH? DON'T SHOOT!

HIMMEL! VE SURRENDER!

PETERSON LUNGES AT THE PAYMASTER AFTER THE NAZIS ARE CAPTURED.

TALK, YOU RAT! HOW'D YOU GET THAT JOB IN MY PLANT?

UGH..D-DON'T! I'LL TALK! I KNEW YOUR FOREMAN IN GERMANY AND THREATENED HIS FAMILY WITH THE GESTAPO, UNLESS HE GOT ME IN AND WORKED FOR THE FATHERLAND.. BUT HE CHANGED HIS MIND LATER AND THREATENED TO EXPOSE US.. SO WE KILLED HIM ..

THE NEXT DAY..

LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING BACK TO COURT AS A PROSECUTOR INSTEAD OF A DEFENSE LAWYER, MR. PETERSON!

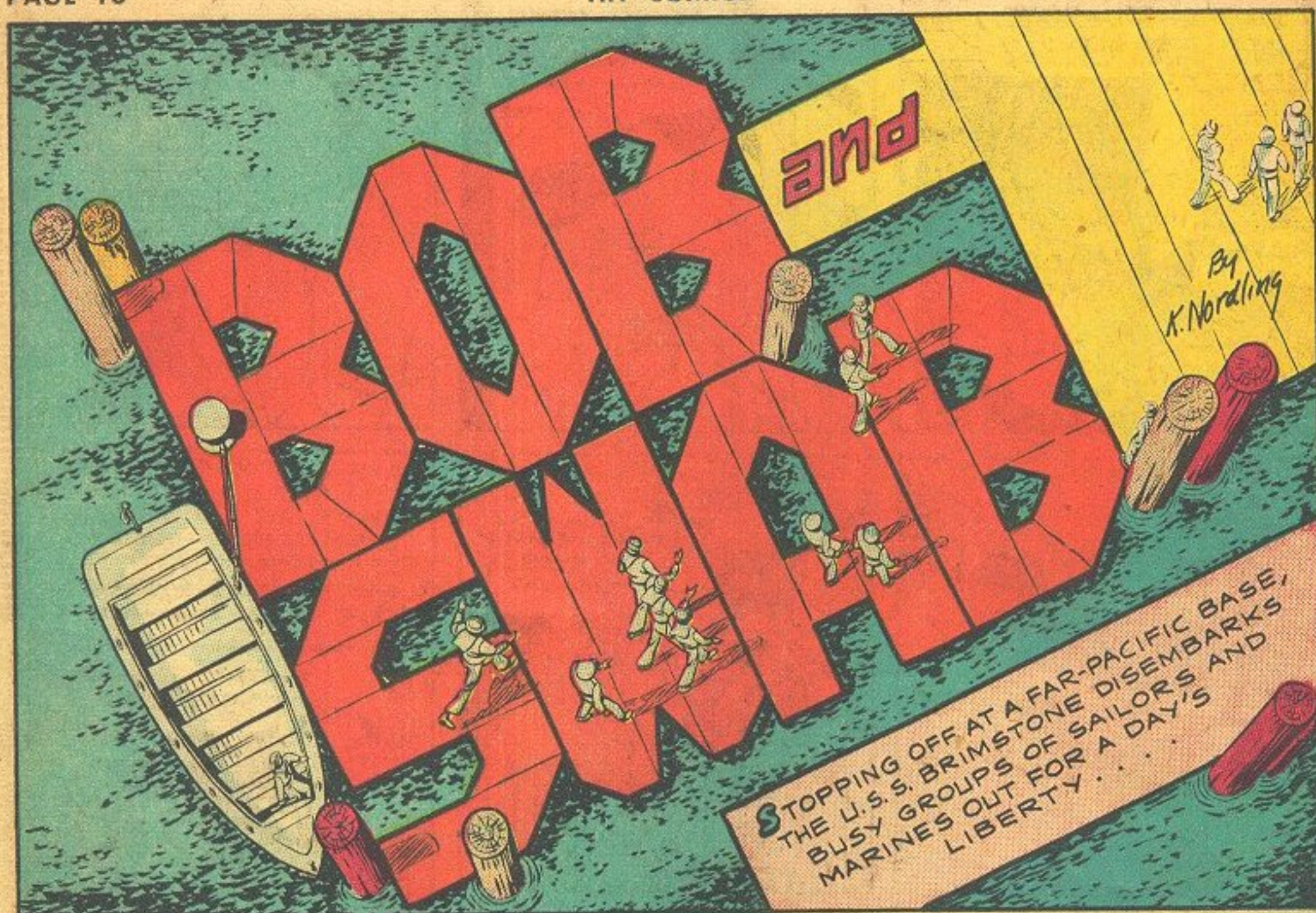
AND YOU WON'T HAVE VERY MUCH TROUBLE GETTING A CONVICTION, BETTY?

BETTY FINDS MORE ADVENTURE AWAITING HER IN THE NEXT

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NEWS: BETTY BATES TO BE STATES WITNESS AGAINST NAZI SPY RING!

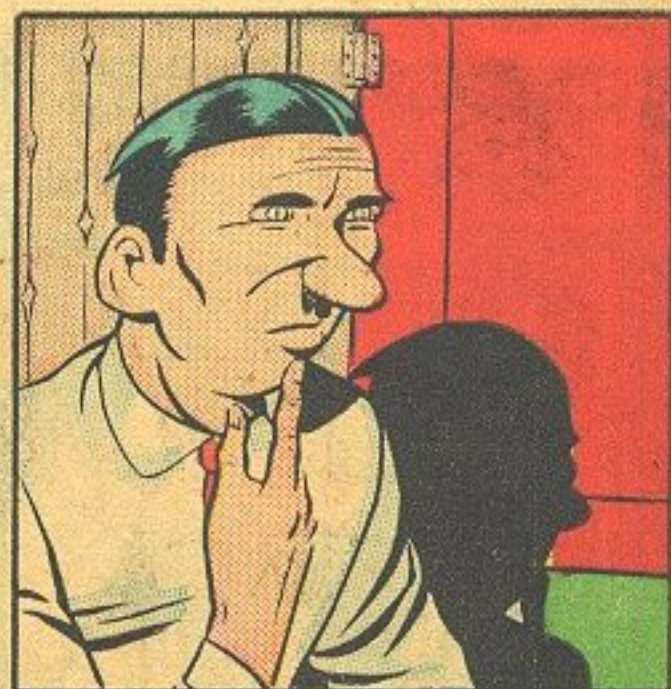




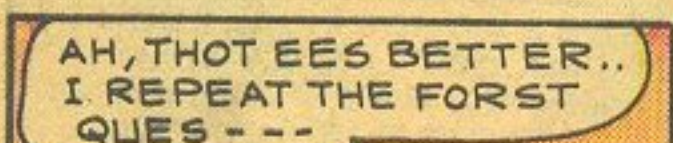
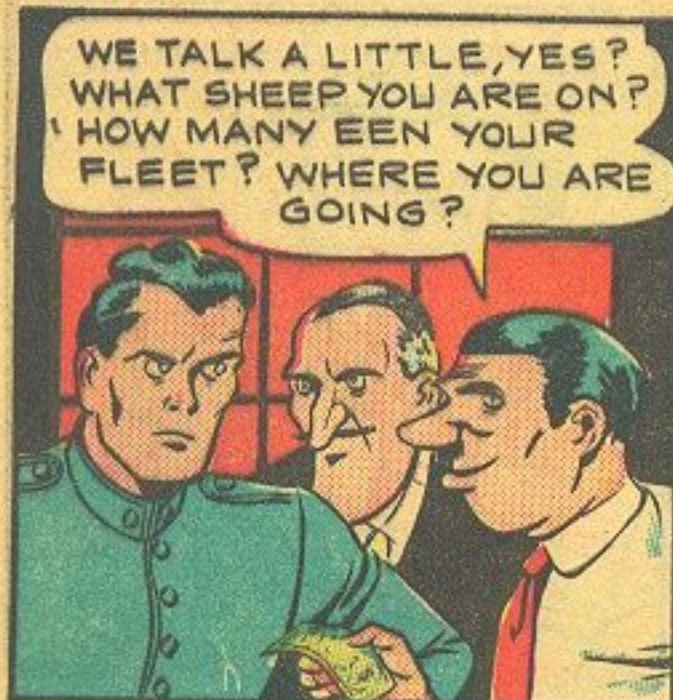
BUT A CERTAIN LEATHERNECK AND A GOB START THE DAY OFF, AS USUAL, ON THE WRONG TACK...



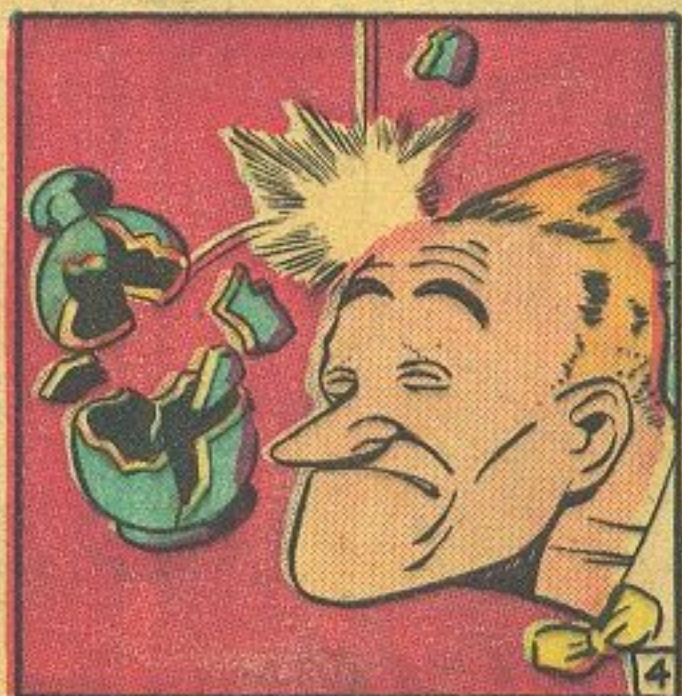
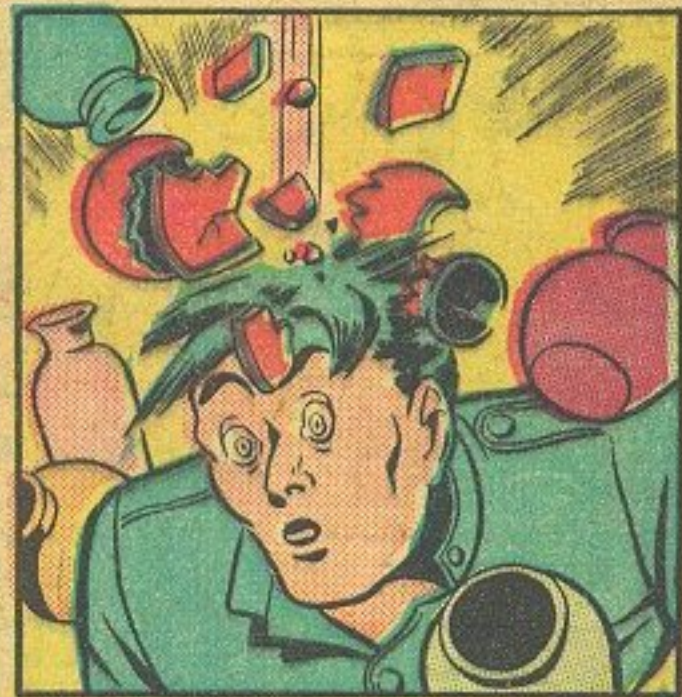
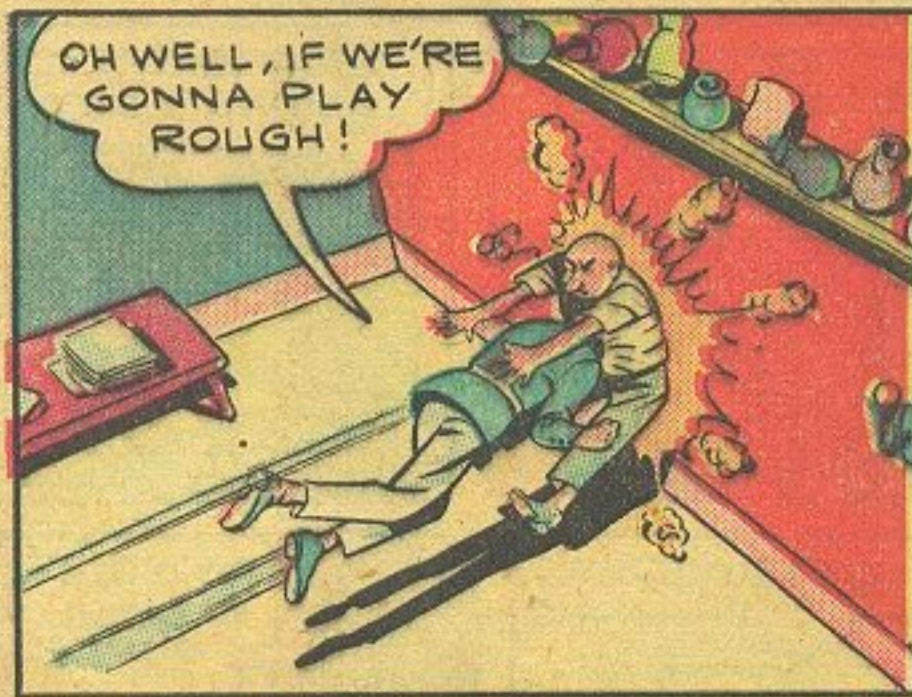






































# The RED BEE

By  
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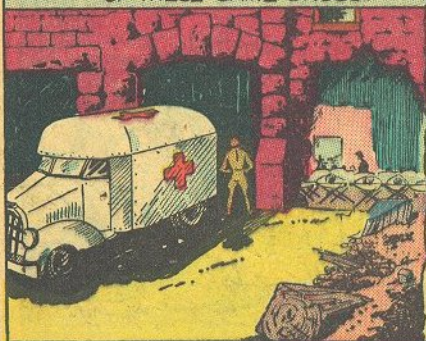


ON A LONELY ROAD, A TRUCK LOADED WITH PRECIOUS DRUGS IS HELD UP, AND:

GET A MOVE ON, SPIKE! WE GOTTA LOAD DIS STUFF AND SCRAM!



IN THE MEANTIME, ON AMERICA'S FAR-FLUNG BATTLEFRONTS, SOLDIERS DIE FOR LACK OF THESE SAME DRUGS.



BEWARE, EVILDOERS! BEWARE, ENEMIES OF SOCIETY, WHO CARE NOTHING THAT OTHERS MAY DIE BECAUSE OF YOUR GREED! YOU HAVE YET TO RECKON WITH THE RED BEE AND HIS TRAINED BEE, MICHAEL... YES, THE RED BEE, WHO IS REALLY RICK RALEIGH, ASSISTANT D.A. AND SCOURGE OF THE UNDERWORLD..

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HOLDING UP THE DRUGS, THE SHIPS ARE GETTING THROUGH CARRYING EVERYTHING BUT WHAT WE NEED MOST!





IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY...



A WEEK LATER...



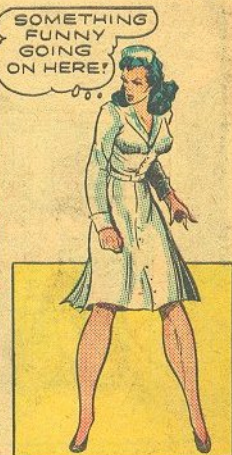
AT AN INTERSECTION...











SUDDENLY, A CHLOROFORM-SOAKED HANDKERCHIEF IS CLAMPED OVER RED BEE'S NOSE.







RED BEE RELEASES MICHAEL, THE BEE.







THE THUGS RUSH TO THE AID OF THEIR LEADER.









# GHOST OF FLANDERS











































































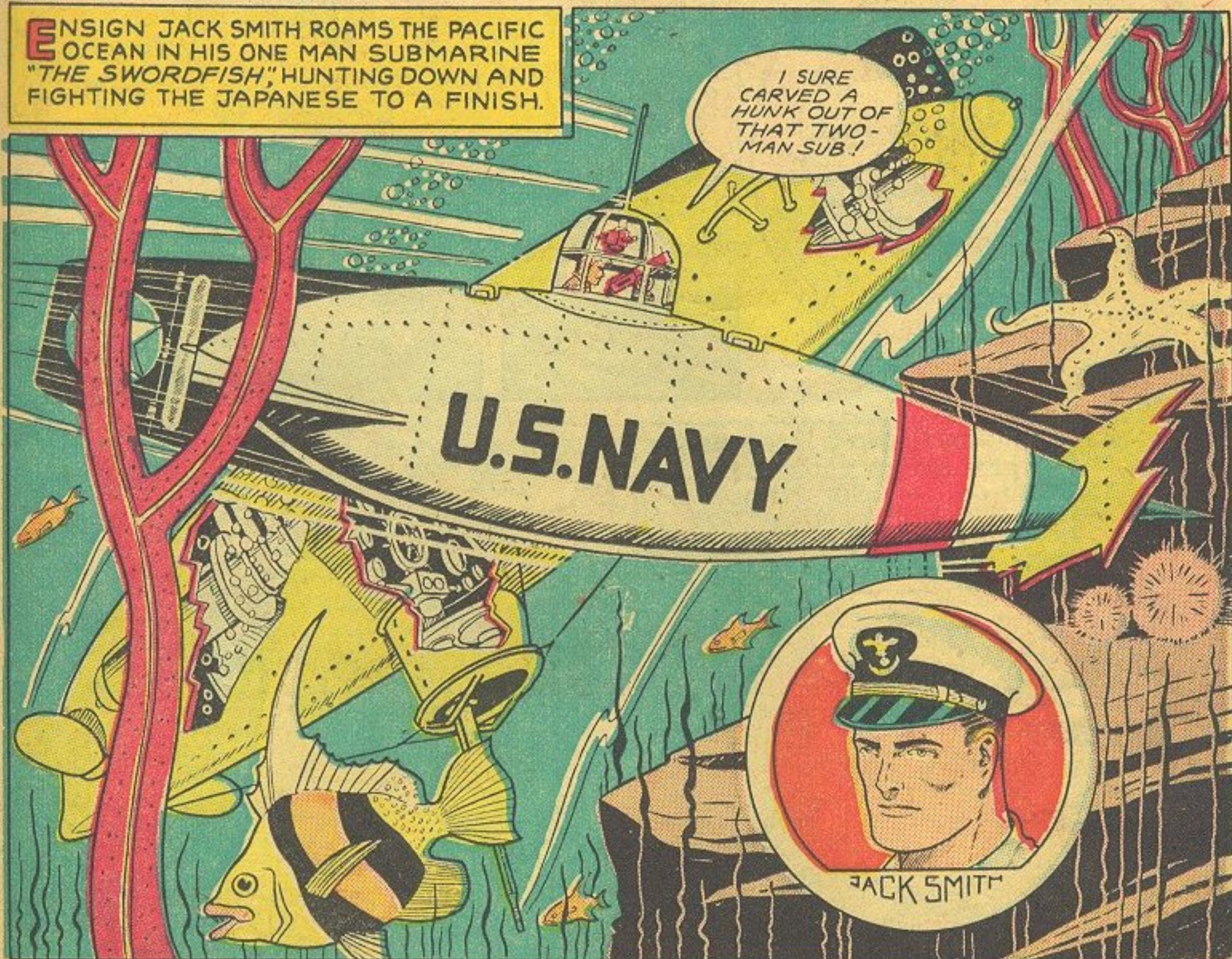






# THE SWORDFISH

**E**NSIGN JACK SMITH ROAMS THE PACIFIC OCEAN IN HIS ONE MAN SUBMARINE "THE SWORDFISH," HUNTING DOWN AND FIGHTING THE JAPANESE TO A FINISH.



AS A CONVOY OF AMERICAN TROOP SHIPS STEAMS TOWARD AUSTRALIA A TERRIFIC STORM BREAKS OUT.



THERE GOES OUR RUDDER - WE'LL BE LOST FROM THE CONVOY!



LATER -

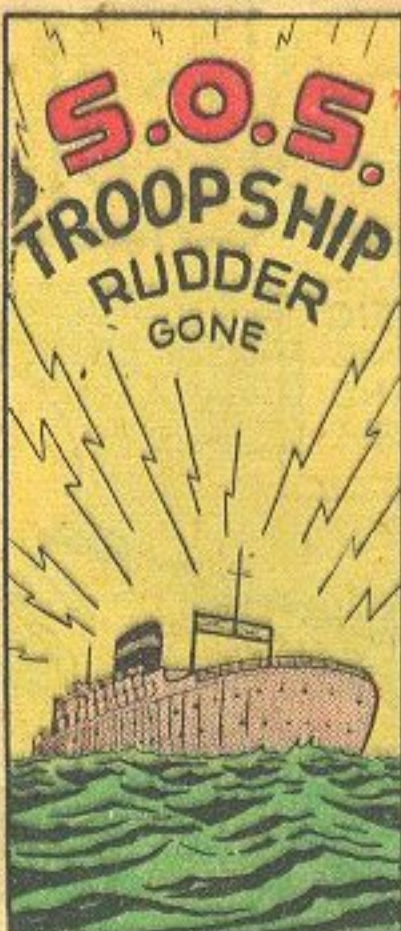
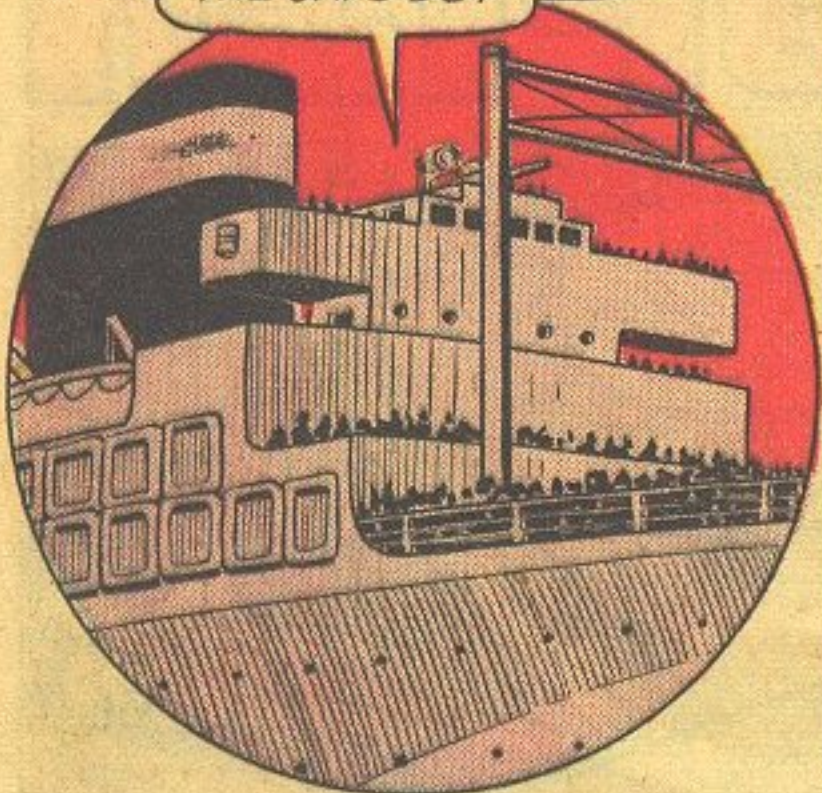
HERE WE ARE ALONE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PACIFIC -

AT LEAST THE STORM'S OVER!





ALL WE CAN DO IS RADIO  
FOR HELP AND HOPE OUR  
NAVY GETS HERE BEFORE  
THE JAPS DO!



LURKING NEARBY IS A PACK OF  
JAP TWO-MAN SUBMARINES.

HA-HA! A BIG FAT  
TRANSPORT-GET  
HER!



BUT THE SWORDFISH'S RADIO ALSO HEARS  
THE "S.O.S."!

OH, OH! GOT TO WORK  
FAST-THE JAPS'LL BE AFTER  
HER LIKE WOLVES AFTER  
A SHEEP!



KEEP YOUR EYE'S  
PEELED FOR  
JAP-

PERISCOPE OFF  
THE STARBOARD  
BOW!

WHAT A  
TARGET-NOT  
EVEN  
MOVING!



WE GOT  
HIM-

LOOKOUT!  
TORPEDO-



TWO  
MORE  
SUBS!

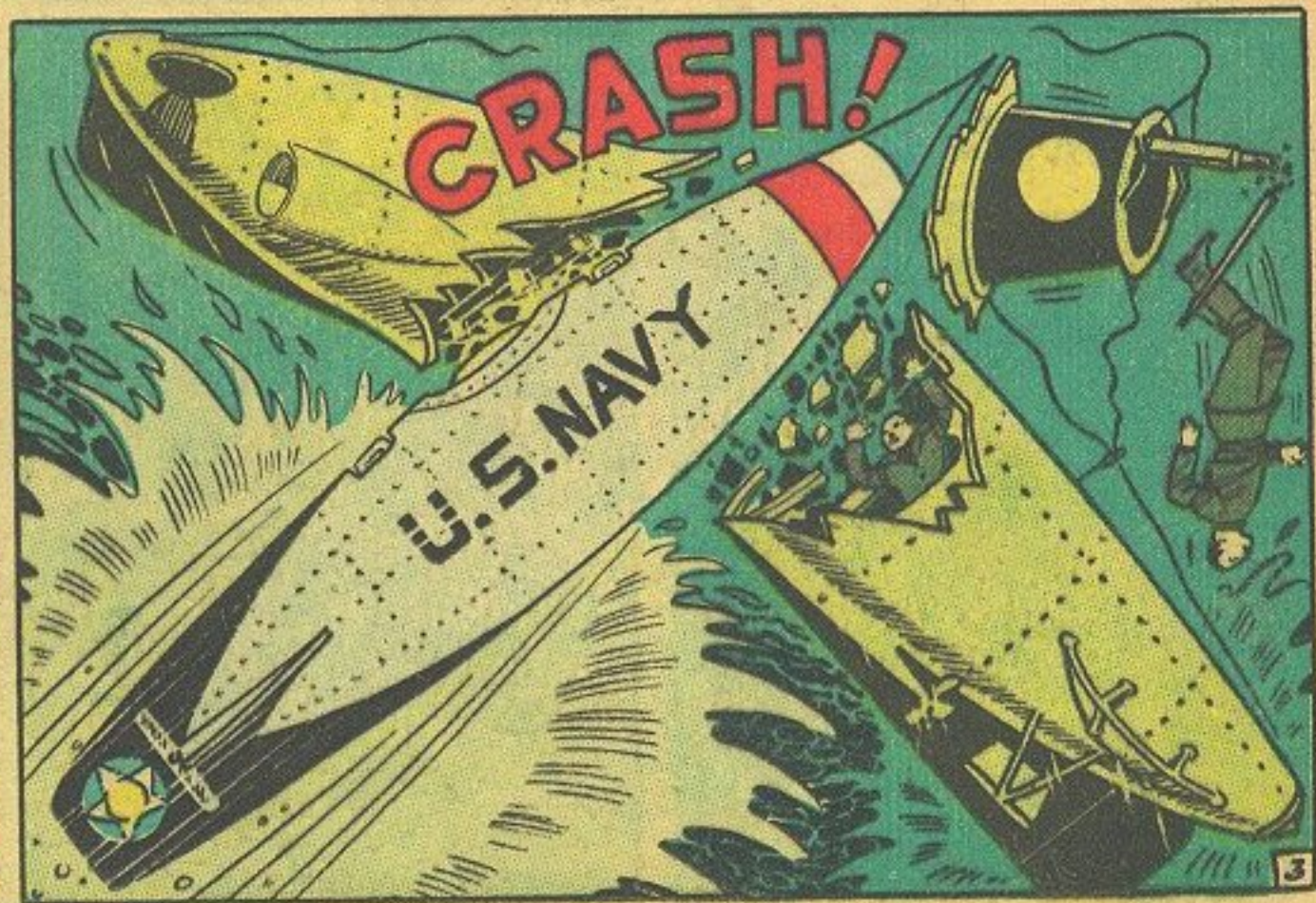


WHAM



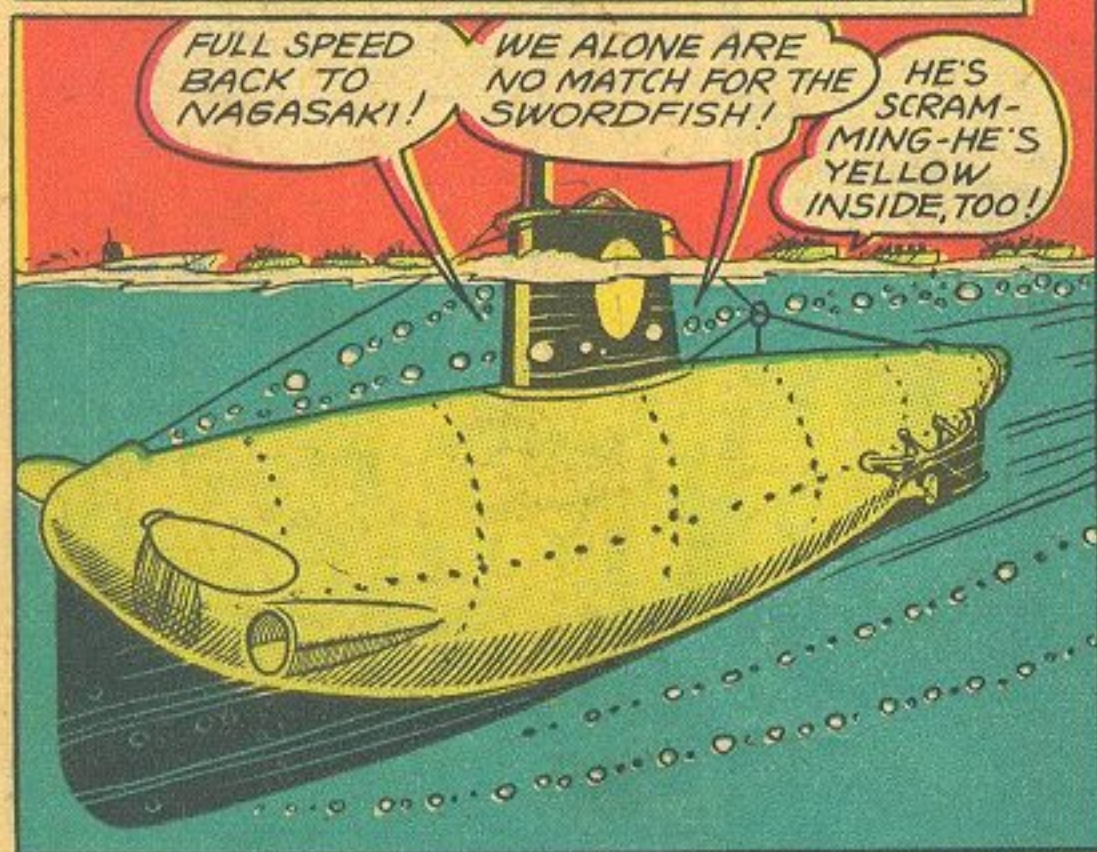


SLOWLY THE GREAT SHIP SINKS AS THE SOLDIERS GET AWAY ON RAFTS.





THE REMAINING JAP U-BOAT TURNS ABOUT!



DOWN...DOWN...INTO THE MURKY DEPTHS JACK SMITH CHASES HIS ENEMY!

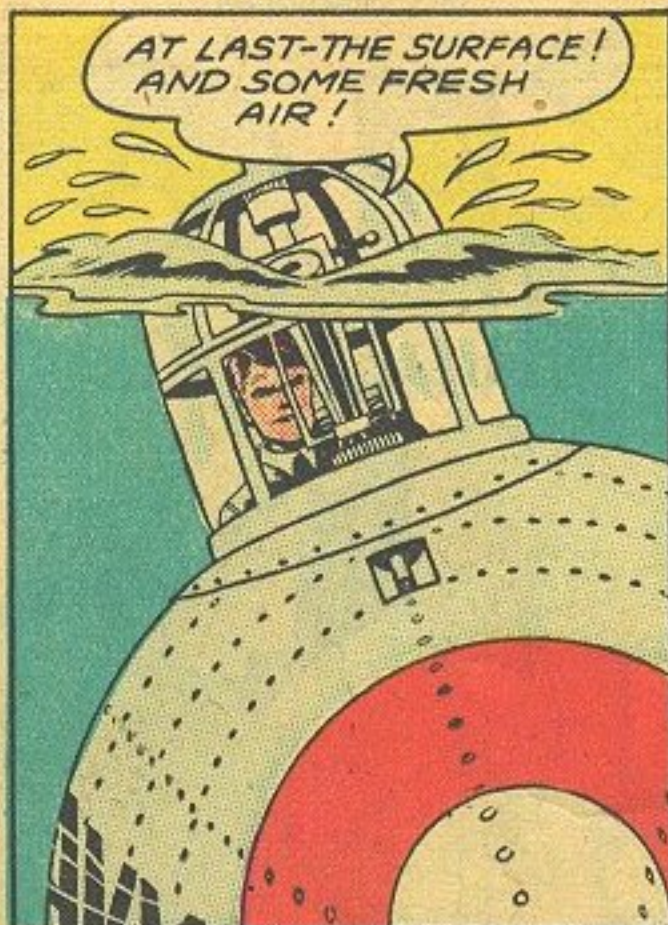




FROM THE BOTTOMLESS OOZE ON THE OCEAN FLOOR THE SWORDFISH RISES!



AT LAST-THE SURFACE!  
AND SOME FRESH  
AIR!



HURRAY! SWORDFISH!  
WE THOUGHT YOU WERE  
DOWN FOR GOOD!



TOSS ME A LINE -  
AND I'LL TOW YOU  
TO SAFETY!

OKAY,  
JACK -  
HERE IT  
IS!



THE LONG LINE OF SURVIVORS  
STARTS THE LONG PULL TO  
AUSTRALIA.



PHEW-AM I  
GLAD-IT'S AN  
AMERICAN  
DESTROYER!



SO LONG, SWORDFISH!  
GOOD LUCK IN YOUR  
NEXT FIGHT!

THANKS, BOYS!  
SEE YOU IN-  
TOKIO!

































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**YOU SHOULD SEE 12-year-old Jean** roll bandages. Like a veteran! She gets plenty of food energy from Tootsies!



**BROTHER AND SISTER ACT** for the U. S. A. Together they collected over 8,000 pounds of paper. The whole town sure likes them!...and they sure like Tootsie Rolls!

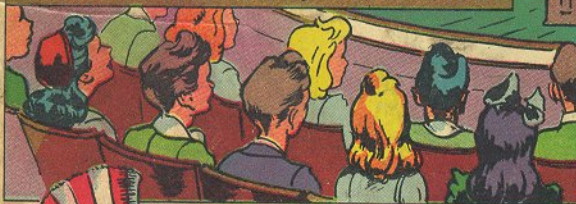


**SHE'S ONLY 11.** But this bright Tootsie girl persuaded every classmate to buy a Defense Stamp every week! Yes, Tootsies are fuel for brains too!

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See the picture of a Tootsie Pop cut open, to show you its heart made of Tootsie Rolls! 8 yummy flavors.



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